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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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An apparatus and method for providing subscription information, including a receiver for receiving a request to receive or pick-up at least one of an issue of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, a good, and a service, at a retail facility or store pursuant to a subscription, a processing device for processing the request, and for determining at least one of a status of the subscription and a number of at least one of an issue of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, a good, and a service, remaining to be fulfilled pursuant to the subscription, wherein the processing device generates a message containing information regarding an authorization or denial regarding the request, and a transmitter for transmitting the message to a point-of-sale transaction device located at the retail facility or store.